

REMARKS

Basis for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claim 4. Basis for new claim 14 may be found original claims 14 and 6. Basis for new dependent claims 15-22 may be found in original claims 7-11, 13, 4, and 5 respectively.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action the applicant gratefully notes that the Examiner indicates that claims 4-7 would be allowable if written in independent form. Amended claim 1 is claim 4 written in independent form. New claim 14 is claim 6 written in independent form. Therefore, as these are the only independent claims in the application they are allowable based on the Examiner's indication of allowability in paragraph 7.

In paragraph 1 the Examiner objects to the drawings because improper margins and lettering with the figures not centered on the page. The applicant is filing simultaneously herewith formal drawings that are in compliance with the Patent and Trademark Office rules. Approval of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 the Examiner notes that an IDS is not entered in the file wrapper. The applicant confirms that no IDS was that filed in this application.

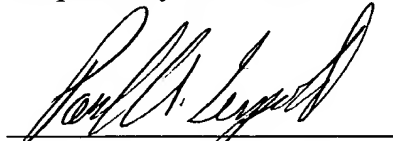
In paragraph 3 the disclosure is objected to for improper heading and titles and the parts listing on page 12 to 14. Appropriate action is requested. This objection is respectfully traversed. The parts listing as in this application has been found acceptable in numerous allowed patent applications. The Examiner has not given specific reasons why the listing as improper. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be more explicit in the objection or withdraw the rejection. It is respectfully urged too that a U.S. patent may be properly issued with a parts list and therefore it is respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. If the Examiner requests, the applicant will delete the parts list and its heading.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action claims 1-3, and 8-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being known or used by Matsumoto et al. in European Patent 0,628,874. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be

reconsidered and withdrawn as all claims now correspond to claims that were not rejected over Matsumoto et al.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the drawings, objections to the specification, and rejection under 35 USC 102 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Leipold", is written over a horizontal line.

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